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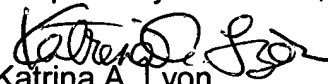
**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 10, 2005, the applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group 1 involving Claims 1-18 and 41-45. It is respectfully requested that elected Claims 1-18 and 41-45 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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